

A Wildflower In This Desert

(for SATB a cappella)

approx. duration = 5 minutes

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Poem by Felicia Chavando

♩ = 88

Soprano *p* *mp* *p* *mp*

Alto *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p*

Tenor *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p*

Bass *p*

Piano (for rehearsal only)

Sav-age are the seeds

Sav-age are the seeds

Sav-age are the seeds

Sav-age are

6 *p*

S that slip

A that slip

T that slip through my

B the seeds that slip

that slip

that slip

that slip through my

the seeds that slip

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S through my fin - gers up - on the parched

A through my fin - gers up - on the parched

T fin - gers up - on the parched

B through my fin - gers up - on the parched skin

18

S skin of my great moth - er

A skin of my great moth - er

T skin of my great moth - er

B of my great moth - er

24 *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p*

S let - ting them loose loose

A *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p*

let - ting them loose let - ting them loose

T *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *mf*

8 let - ting them loose loose loose loose

B *p* *mp* *3*

er let - ting them loose

28 *mf* *mp* *f* *mf* *p* *mf* *sub p*

S loose loose like prayers on these fierce winds,

A *p* *mf* *3* *p* *mf* *mf*

let - ting them loose like prayers on these fierce They

T *mp* *f* *mf* *p* *mf* *sub p*

8 loose like prayers on these fierce winds,

B *mf* *3* *f* *3* *p* *mf* *sub p*

let - ting them loose let - ting them loose like prayers on these fierce

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A

S *mf* They land by the will of what will be, *pp* They

A land by the will of what will be, *pp* They

T *mf* They land by the will of what will be, *pp* They

B *mf* They land by the will of what will be *pp* They

32

B

S *mp* land by the will of what will be, and take re-fuge

A *mp* land by the will of what will be, and take re-fuge

T *mp* land by the will of what will be, and take re-fuge in the com-compact-ed

B *mp* land by the will of what will be, and take re-fuge in

37

42

S *mf* Wait - ing - pa - tient -

A *mp* 3 in the com-pact - ed clay in the com-pact - ed clay in the com-pact - ed clay

T *mp* 8 clay, in the com - pact - ed clay, in the com - pact - ed

B *mp* the com-pact - ed clay, in the com - pact - ed clay, in

46

S *p* 3 - ly in the com-pact - ed clay in the com-pact - ed clay

A *mf* 3 in the com-pact - ed clay with - so - much - thirst - yet - so -

T 8 clay, in the com - pact - ed clay, in

B the com - pact - ed clay, in the com - pact - ed

49

S in the com - pact - ed clay

A much trust, in the com - pact - ed clay in the com - pact - ed clay

T the com - pact - ed clay, in the com - pact - ed

B clay, in the com - pact - ed clay,

49

52

S For they know For they know For they know

A in the com - pact - ed clay For they know For they know

T clay, For they know For they know

B that when the clouds

52

C

56

S *mf*
For they know _____ they will grow _____ they will grow

A
_____ For they know _____ For they know _____

T
8 For they know _____ For they know _____ they will grow _____

B
shed their blessing _____ even just once,

56

60

S *f*
_____ bright and a -

A *mf* *f*
they will grow _____ they will grow _____ bright and a -

T *mf* *f*
8 they will grow _____ they will grow bright and a -

B *mf* *f*
they will grow _____ they will grow _____ bright and a -

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D

64 $\text{♩} = 96$

S *mp* *mf*
 bun - dant for man - y ge - ne - ra - tions to come, to — come, man - y ge - ne - ra - tions to

A *mp* *mf*
 bun - dant for man - y ge - ne - ra - tions to come, to — come, man - y ge - ne - ra - tions to

T *mf*
 8 bun - dant for man - y ge - ne - ra - tions to come for man - y ge - ne - ra - tions to

B *mf*
 bun - dant for man - y ge - ne - ra - tions to come, for man - y ge - ne - ra - tions to



68 *p* *mp* *pp* *p*

S come, to — come, man - y ge - ne - ra - tions to come, to — come, man - y ge - ne - ra - tions to

A *p* *mp* *pp* *p*
 come, to — come, man - y ge - ne - ra - tions to come, to — come, man - y ge - ne - ra - tions

T *mp* *p*
 8 come for man - y ge - ne - ra - tions to come for man - y ge - ne - ra - tions to

B *mp* *p*
 come, for man - y ge - ne - ra - tions to come, for man - y ge - ne - ra - tions to



83

S - ing beau - ty, _____ thriv - ing beau - ty, _____ a - midst so

A thriv - ing beau - ty, _____ a - midst _____ so

T 8 ty, _____ thri _____ ving beau - ty, _____ a - midst so

B thriv - ing beau - ty, _____ a - midst _____ so

F

88 *p* $\text{♩} = 136$

S man - y odds. _____

A *p* man - y odds. _____ Joyful *mf*

T 8 *mp* man - y odds _____ Joyful *mf* I smile at the mi-ra-cle of a wild flo-wer in this de - sert,

B *mp* man - y odds. _____

95

S *Joyful mf* I smile at the mi - ra - cle of a

A *mp* smile at the mi - ra - cle of a wild flo - wer in this de - sert, I smile I

T *mp* I smile I smile I smile *p* 3 3 3 wild flower in this des -

B

101

S *mp* wild flo - wer in this de - sert, I smile I

A smile I smile *p* 3 3 3 wild flower in this des -

T 8 - ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des -

B *Joyful mf* I smile at the mi - ra - cle of a

101

105

S
smile I smile wild flower in this des-

A
- ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des-

T
8 - ert wild flower in this des - ert, I smile at the mi - ra - cle of a

B
wild flo - wer in this de - sert, I smile I

p *mf* *mp*

109

S
- ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des-

A
- ert wild flower in this des - ert I smile at the mi - ra - cle of a

T
8 wild flo - wer in this de - sert, I smile I

B
smile I smile wild flower in this des-

mf *mp* *p*

113 G *p*

S
- ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in

A
wild flo - wer in this de - sert, wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in

T
8 smile I smile wild flower in this des -

B
- ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des -

117 *mp* *mf* *f*

S
this des - ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in

A
this des - ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in

T
8 - ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des -

B
- ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des -

121

S *mf* *mp* *p*
 this des - ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des - ert

A *mf* *mp*
 this des - ert wild flower in this des - ert

T *mf* *mp* *p*
 - ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des - ert wild flower in this des -

B *mf* *mp*
 - ert wild flower in this des - ert

125

S *mp* *f* $\text{♩} = 80$
 With great gra - ti - tude for the war - ri - or things that grow here!

A *p* *f*
 With great gra - ti - tude for the war - ri - or things that grow here!

T *pp* *f*
 - ert Great gra - ti - tude for the war - ri - or things that grow here!

B *p* *f*
 With great gra - ti - tude for the war - ri - or things that grow here!